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## EPIDEMIC NOTES.

[Translated in this Bureau from the "Veröffentlichungen des Kaiserlichen Gesundheitsamtes," Berlin, October 25, 1899.]

## PLAGUE.

PORTUGAL—*Oporto*.—From October 6 to 12 the daily report of plague cases and deaths was as follows: 3, 1; 6, 1; 4, 0; 5, 0; 3, 1; 9, 0; 6, 3. The number of cases has considerably increased during the last few weeks, while the number of deaths is relatively small. Of the 9 cases reported to October 11, 5 were designated as severe.

MOZAMBIQUE—*Magde*.—According to advices of September 23, 44 cases in all were reported and have all terminated fatally. The epidemic was apparently extinct at that date. The Portuguese Government had ordered the huts and household effects of the plague patients to be burned and strict measures of inspection to be taken.

BRAZIL—*Santos*.—According to advices of October 19, 2 cases of plague and 1 suspect case were officially reported.

## CHOLERA.

TURKEY—*Bassorah*.—During the early part of October cholera broke out in the vilayet of Bassorah. Many cases occurred in the southern quarter of the city and in the date plantations situated to the southward of the city. It is believed that the disease was an importation from the Kurrachee or Djovadir.

BRITISH INDIA—*Calcutta*.—During the week ended September 23, 4 cholera deaths occurred.

## CURRENT QUARANTINE MEASURES.

## PLAGUE.

GERMANY—*Bavaria*.—By order of the ministry of the interior, dated October 12, the Hygienic Institute at Munich was first designated as the place at which all investigations relative to plague cases should be made. Later, the institutes of Wurzburg and Erlangen were included. The directors of these institutes have been supplied with the printed plans issued by the imperial health bureau.

*Oldenburg*.—The instructions issued by the imperial health bureau relative to the nature of plague and the measures to be taken in regard to it have been officially supplied to the medical authorities. Medical officers have been directed to communicate to the imperial health bureau, by telegraph, the appearance of any suspicious case. Examination of suspected plague material is to be made, for the principalities of Lubeck and Birkenfeld, at the hygienic institutes of Kiel and Bonn, respectively; for the principality of Oldenburg, at the imperial health bureau.

*Saxe-Meiningen*.—The bacteriological verification of suspected plague has been officially assigned to the institute at Jena.

*Anhalt*.—Bacteriological verification of suspected plague is to be made by the imperial health bureau.

BELGIUM.—By order of the ministry of agriculture, the quarantine restrictions ordered against vessels arriving direct from Mediterranean and Adriatic ports and ports of the archipelago, as well as the French and Spanish ports on the Atlantic coast from the Straits of Gibraltar to the island of Quessant, are removed.

**SWEDEN.**—The Government has declared the port of Niuchwang to be infected.

**TURKEY.**—The International Board of Health resolved, October 12, to erect, as soon as possible, on the island of Stampalia, a lazaretto and barracks for plague suspects.

Sailing vessels arriving at Bassorah from the Red Sea are subject to 10 days quarantine. Sailing vessels from the Sea of Asof and the Asiatic and Russian coast of the Black Sea, and the Sea of Azof, are compelled to undergo medical inspection if they carry passengers. By resolution of September 16 the measures against arrivals from the coast of Egypt are continued in force, even when the vessel carries a clean bill of health.

**PORTUGAL.**—By royal decree of October 4, in view of the fact that certain of the daily journals of Oporto have ridiculed the measures ordered for the suppression of plague and have spoken injuriously of the officials entrusted with their execution, the publication of the said journals is suspended and on a repetition of the offense the journals are threatened with suppression.

**EGYPT.**—By resolution of the board of health dated October 3, where a period of ten days without plague cases shall have elapsed, vessels leaving Alexandria shall have a clean bill of health and shall not be subject to surveillance.

The standing commission of the board of health resolved October 12 to discontinue quarantine measures against arrivals from Tamatave.

**BRAZIL.**—The quarantine measures against arrivals from Paraguay promulgated September 21 are substantially as follows:

1. The Paraguayan ports are declared infected, both those on the Paraguay and the Parana rivers, and entry into Brazilian ports is forbidden to arrivals direct from said ports.

2. Vessels from the Brazilian ports of the State of Matto Grosso which have stopped at Paraguayan ports shall be considered in the same category as vessels arriving direct from said ports.

3. Vessels from Brazilian ports of Matto Grosso which have quarantined in Paraguayan ports shall, before admission to Brazilian ports, be subject to further quarantine at the station of Ilha Grande.

4. Even those vessels to which the third paragraph relates shall, on the downward voyage of the Paraguay River, repair to the stations on the Brazilian stretch, at the mouth of the Apia River, and there deliver to the naval authorities their list of passengers and merchandise, showing the original point of shipment of said passengers and merchandise. These lists, after being certified by the naval authorities, shall be redelivered to the masters of the vessel.

5. The Government of Argentina having declared that the unloading which formally took place at Asuncion shall in future take place at the port of Corrientes, it shall be the duty of all officials of the Brazilian consular office to inform themselves whether the passengers and merchandise brought from Matto Grosso are those certified by the naval authorities stationed at the mouth of the Apia River. After due comparison, the unloading may take place on the Brazilian side of the Paraguay River.

#### CHOLERA.

**TURKEY.**—By resolution of the International Board of Health of October 10, a ten days' quarantine is ordered for all vessels leaving Bassorah on and after October 7.

## YELLOW FEVER.

SPAIN.—By royal order of October 2, vessels which left New Orleans after August 21 are subject to strict quarantine. Localities situated at less than 165 kilometers from New Orleans are declared infected.

## SANITARY REPORTS FROM THE CENTRAL AMERICAN AND COLOMBIAN FRUIT PORTS.

## BRITISH HONDURAS.

*Report from Belize.*

BELIZE, BRITISH HONDURAS, *October 30, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report the following steamers having sailed from Belize for United States ports during the month of October, 1899: October 6, *Stillwater* for New Orleans. October 8, *Traveler* via Mexican ports for New Orleans; *Themis* for New York. October 13, *Breakwater* for New Orleans; *Managua* for Mobile. October 20, *Stillwater* for New Orleans. October 27, *Breakwater* for New Orleans; *Managua* for Mobile.

Respectfully,

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## COLOMBIA.

*Reports from Bocas del Toro.*

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *October 31, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that since my last weekly report dated October 28, I have inspected and cleared the following vessels: October 29, steamship *Colombia*, Berg, 17 crew, 4 passengers, for Mobile. October 30, steamship *España*, Danielsen, 14 crew, no passengers, for Mobile.

Under date of October 14, I submitted a general report, giving number of vessels and passengers inspected as follows: Number of vessels inspected, 114; number of passengers inspected, 103; number of pieces of baggage disinfected, 184.

Since that time to October 31 I have inspected vessels and passengers as follows: Number of vessels inspected, 12, of which cleared for Mobile, 10; for New Orleans, 2; number of passengers inspected 26, for Mobile, 23; for New Orleans, 3; number of pieces of baggage disinfected, 37.

The totals for the season from April 1 to October 31 are as follows: Number of vessels inspected, 126; cleared for Mobile, 94; cleared for New Orleans, 29; cleared for Galveston, 3; number of passengers detained and inspected, 129; bound for Mobile, 110; bound for New Orleans, 17; bound for Galveston, 2; number of pieces of baggage disinfected, 221.

It is with pleasure that I can state that the season has passed here without friction or untoward circumstances. My endeavor has been to maintain the most cordial relations between the merchants interested and the Service, and at the same time to infuse into all concerned the proper respect for the Service. On my arrival here it was thought that the restrictions placed on vessels were far too stringent, and more or less